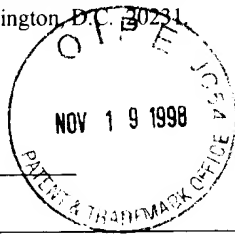


11/9/98 - 11/16/98 (1m)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being transmitted therewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 16, 1998



Eileen M. Ebel
(Print Name)

Eileen M. Ebel
(Signature)

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application

VAN ARSDELL ET AL.

Serial No. 08/914,332, filed July 14, 1997

Group 1652
Examiner: Lau, K.

For: OVERCOMING DAPA AMINOTRANSFERASE BOTTLENECKS
IN BIOTIN VITAMERS BIOSYNTHESIS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
November 16, 1998

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petition for a one-month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action of September 17, 1998. This petition is for a first extension of the time originally set for response, that is, October 17, 1998. With the granting of this request, the time for response is November 17, 1998.

11/23/1998 TNGUYEN 00000128 082525 08914332

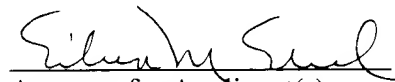
01 FC:115

110.00 CH

Serial No. 08/914,332
Filed: July 14, 1997

Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2525 in the amount of \$110.00, the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17 for this petition. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2525. A triplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicant(s)

Eileen M. Ebel

(Reg. No. 37,316)

Telephone: (973) 235-5801

Telefax: (973) 235-2363

340 Kingsland Street

Nutley, New Jersey 07110

70893